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Applicant(s): T. TSUKISHIMA, et al.

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Examiner:

T. L. Graysay

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR §1.121)

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 August 11, 2006

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the July 12, 2006 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR §1.121) wherein the Examiner indicated that the April 18, 2006 Amendment is considered non-compliant because it failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR §1.121. Specifically, the Examiner indicates that the claims of the April 18, 2006 Amendment has not been provided with the proper status identifier.

In response to the July 12, 2006 Notice, Applicants are submitting on even date herewith a copy of the April 18, 2006 Amendment wherein the status of each of the claims are properly identified. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner continue with examination of the above-referenced application.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action October 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments.